

Vermont Payment for Ecosystem Services and Soil Health Working Group

Meeting #31, November 1, 2022, 10 AM – 3 PM

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(with hybrid option, see Zoom link below)

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/pes>

Agenda

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| 9:45 AM | Arrivals, open Teams meeting, hellos |
| 10:00 AM | Welcome from the Co-Chairs, introductions, review agenda |
| 10:10 PM | Funding opportunities around technical assistance, navigation, and better coordination, Mary Montour (VAAFMT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of opportunities and initiatives beyond the Working Group |
| 10:40 AM | Overview of CSP enhancement option <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminder of June 2022 Program Objectives and how this option came forward, CBI• Brief overview of NRCS's CSP, Travis Thomason (NRCS)• Overview of the option, Sonia Howlett (VAAFMT) |
| 11:10 AM | Questions, discussion, and refinements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does this line up with our June 2022 Framework?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Farms eligibility and kind and size○ Money to Farmers○ Targeted ecosystem services: water quality, flood mitigation, soil health, carbon sequestration and biodiversity• What refinements or adjustments to the draft concept would you make and why?• Are we enhancing CSP in the right way to get leverage money, participation and actions that lead to longer-term conservation? |
| 12:30 PM | Public Comment |
| 12:45 PM | Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• [At lunch, facilitators will refine the CSP enhancement concept and bring back for WG review after lunch via slides] |
| 1:30 PM | Finalize the pilot approach recommendation from the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek concurrence on the pilot way forward |
| 2:15 PM | 2023 report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of components from Act 129 of 2020• Other themes that the Working Group would like to name to put into the report |
| 2:40 PM | Public Comment |

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Other matters

- Confirmation of meeting schedule and closing the work for the rest of 2022

3:00 PM

Adjourn

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*Note that we cannot guarantee a smooth virtual experience, so we encourage Working Group members to attend in person if possible. Members of the public are welcome to join in-person or virtually. There will be a public comment time just before lunch.